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Applicant(s): Klein et al.

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Title: HUMAN DISEASE MODELING  
USING SOMATIC GENE TRANSFER

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed in the captioned application on November 15, 2003. Applicants enclose a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to extend the period of time in which to file a Response to March 17, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 23 (new)

1    23. A method for producing a non-human animal model of a neurodegenerative disease  
2    which comprises somatically transferring a gene encoding an aberrant form of a tau  
3    protein into brain tissue of a living rodent under conditions which result in the expression  
4    of said gene; wherein expression of said gene results in a neuropathology in said living  
5    rodent corresponding to said neurodegenerative disease.

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